

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## TREASURY APPROPRIATIONS/Final Passage

**SUBJECT:** Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999 . . . H.R. 4104.  
Final passage, as amended.

**ACTION: BILL PASSED, 91-5**

**SYNOPSIS:** As passed, H.R. 4104, the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999, will provide \$30.452 billion in new budget authority (BA) for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, Executive Office of the President, and various independent agencies. This amount is \$5.126 billion more than provided in fiscal year (FY) 1998, and is \$3.623 billion more than requested. The large increase in funding is primarily due to the addition of \$3.270 billion in contingent emergency funding to address the year 2000 (Y2K) computer date change conversion problem. Details are provided below.

Appropriations will include the following:

- Office of Personnel Management, \$13.436 billion;
- Internal Revenue Service, \$7.852 billion;
- Customs Service, \$1.734 billion;
- Secret Service, \$593.0 million;
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, \$529.5 million;
- Executive Office of the President, \$3.838 billion, including \$3.250 billion in contingent emergency funding to address the Y2K problem;

- General Services Administration, \$649.5 million;
- \$420 million in contingent emergency funding will be provided for purchases for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and
- \$132.0 million for Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund programs.

Key provisions include the following:

(See other side)

YEAS (91)				NAYS (5)		NOT VOTING (4)	
Republican (49 or 92%)		Democrats (42 or 98%)		Republicans (4 or 8%)	Democrats (1 or 2%)	Republicans (2)	Democrats (2)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Kennedy	Ashcroft	Feingold	Helms- <sup>3AY</sup>	Bingaman- <sup>2</sup>
Allard	Inhofe	Baucus	Kerrey	Brownback		Murkowski- <sup>2</sup>	Inouye- <sup>2</sup>
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Kerry	Hutchinson			
Bond	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kohl	Smith, Bob			
Burns	Kyl	Breaux	Landrieu				
Campbell	Lott	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lugar	Bumpers	Leahy				
Coats	Mack	Byrd	Levin				
Cochran	McCain	Cleland	Lieberman				
Collins	McConnell	Conrad	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Nickles	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Roberts	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Roth	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Santorum	Durbin	Reed				
Domenici	Sessions	Feinstein	Reid				
Enzi	Shelby	Ford	Robb				
Faircloth	Smith, Gordon	Glenn	Rockefeller				
Frist	Snowe	Graham	Sarbanes				
Gorton	Specter	Harkin	Torricelli				
Gramm	Stevens	Hollings	Wellstone				
Grams	Thomas	Johnson	Wyden				
Grassley	Thompson						
Gregg	Thurmond						
Hagel	Warner						
Hatch							

### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

● funds from this Act will not be used to implement actions called for solely under the Kyoto protocol prior to its ratification (the Kyoto protocol would impose stringent mandates on the United States to reduce so-called “greenhouse” gases); the Administration will be required to provide Congress in its FY 2000 budget submission a detailed plan for implementing key elements of the President’s climate change technology initiative;

● Members, Federal judges, and senior executive employees will not be given a cost-of-living pay increase; other Federal employees will be given a 3.6-percent pay increase;

● funds from this Act will not be used to pay for abortions, or the administrative expenses in connection with any health plan under the Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) program which provides any benefits or coverage for abortions, unless: the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term; or the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest;

● all FEHB health plans that offer prescription services will be required to offer prescription contraceptive drugs or devices, and all FEHB plans that provide outpatient services will be required to provide outpatient contraceptive services; these mandates will not apply to health plans that have a religious basis and that have religious objections to offering contraceptive services; these mandates will not be construed as mandating abortion or abortion-related benefits;

● the IRS will be required to safeguard the confidentiality of taxpayer information;

● funding will be increased for High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas;

● monetary relief will be provided to firearm importers whose legally purchased goods were denied entry by the Administration;

● the current ban on undetectable firearms will be extended for 5 years;

● guidelines will be established for the closing of post offices (see vote No. 245);

● funding for security measures for the Capitol complex will be increased;

● Federal agencies will be required to consider the impact that proposed new rules and regulations will have on families prior to adopting those new rules and regulations; reported bills will contain assessments of their impacts on families and on children;

● the Office of National Drug Control Policy will be reauthorized for 4 years; it will be required to report each year on its performance in meeting annual objectives and on its progress in meeting long-term goals;

● “forced or indentured child labor” will be added to the list of grounds on which a potential contractor may be debarred or suspended from receiving a Federal contract; and

● it will require an affirmative vote of 4 FEC members to appoint an FEC staff director or general counsel (which will require bipartisan support because the FEC is evenly divided by party with three Republicans and three Democrats), but no such bipartisan support will be required to reappoint either a staff director or general counsel because the support of only 3 members will be required; starting January 1, 1999, the terms for both the director and general counsel will be for 6 years, and if successors are not chosen before their terms expire they will be permitted to continue to serve until successors are chosen (if a staff director or general counsel, once approved, proves to be politically biased, the party that he or she favors will be able to refuse to vote for a replacement, and thus keep him or her in office indefinitely); the current staff director’s and general counsel’s terms will expire January 1, 2008 (the Senate initially voted against an amendment to require at least 4 FEC members to vote in favor of reappointment; Democrats then filibustered that amendment until the requirement was dropped and the above language was accepted; see vote No. 246).

**Those favoring final passage contended:**

This bill covers a very broad range of government activities. Key provisions include: a reauthorization of the Drug Czar office, with requirements that will make it focus on performance rather than continually coming up with new initiatives; emergency funding to address the Y2K problem and to make purchases for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and continued high funding levels for various law enforcement agencies. We are confident that this bill enjoys overwhelming support. We urge its adoption.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to final passage.**